



Conference of Local Health Officials Annual Committee Activity Report - 2023

During the Annual Meeting of the Conference of Local Health Officials in October, the six subcommittees review their work from the past year, discuss future work, and present any needs for support or additional representation.

Co-Chairs: please provide the answers to the following questions in writing and send it to laura@oregonclho.org by October 6th. In addition, please plan on attending the October 19th, 2023 CLHO meeting to provide a brief (~5-minute) summary of this information. If neither chair can attend, please arrange to have another committee member attend to provide this report. Reach out to Laura with any concerns.

Committee: Health Promotion and Prevention

Co-Chairs: Elisabeth Maxwell (Lane) and Jennifer Little (Klamath)

- 1) What is the purpose of your committee (please include the issues that are within your committee's purview)?

The Prevention & Health Promotion committee provides guidance and recommendations to the CLHO board for existing and new areas of work as it relates to collecting and disseminating relevant data; developing plans to address health needs; program element language; funding allocations; service delivery and supports; and training. Social determinants of health and equity underscore all program areas and should be incorporated in all aspects of the work to ensure equitable, upstream approaches. As a Foundational Program in Public Health Modernization (PE 51) Prevention and Health Promotion work is evolving to incorporate areas of focus listed below and may expand to incorporate new areas of need. It is understood that there are areas of overlap that require collaboration with other HHS divisions or other CLHO committees.

Areas of work that may be addressed by the committee:

- Tobacco Prevention and Education (PE 13)
- Tobacco Retail Licensing (PE TBD)
- Sustainable Relationships for Community Health (PE 04)
- Drug Overdose (PE 62/ Prescription drug overdose PE 27)
- Suicide Prevention/Postvention (PE 60)
- Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education (PE 36)
- Maternal and Child Health (PE 42)
- Adolescent and School Health (PE 44)
- Problem Gambling Prevention/ Gaming Addiction Prevention (Service element 80)
- Climate change adaptation (PE 51)
- Injury and violence prevention
- Sexual Health

- a. Do you have a charter? How is this working for you?
Yes, we have a charter. It's working fine.



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- b. Do you have a workplan? How is this working for you?
We do not have a workplan. We're struggling to determine what would be on it considering the nature and content of this group. Feedback and ideas are welcome.
- 2) What challenges and successes has your committee faced in incorporating Public Health Modernization into your committee's objectives?
Perhaps the biggest challenge has been around the incorporation of non-local CBOs and ensuring alignment in workplans in an effort to minimize duplication. There was a lack of information flow from OHA/CBOs to LPHAs, but we hope to see improvement. Successes have been around creating new partnerships and advocating for increased flexibility for allowed activities and expenditures. Another success has been OHA soliciting feedback from this committee on a variety of topics.
- 3) What challenges and/or successes has your committee experienced in sharing meeting materials and information with committee members? With other committees (as relevant)? With the CLHO Board?
We worked with our OHA support person to ensure meeting minutes and materials were being distributed in a timely manner. That has improved communication with the group. The co-chairs have worked hard to consistently remind committee members to communicate with their administrators to avoid surprises at big CLHO and to ensure votes are aligned.
- 4) Is there anything else you'd like to share with the other committees or the CLHO Board?
Sometimes it's difficult to ensure the full CLHO board is apprised of all issues prior to the meeting simply because there aren't representatives from every county (although our committee is large with good representation from all sizes of counties). We do our best to communicate clearly and follow protocol.
- 5) Please check the [CLHO website](#) to see if the list of your committee members is accurate. If there are any changes needed, please include those below. Please note if you need any representation from CLHO Board Members/Administrators or from small, medium or large LPHAs.

☐ The CLHO website list looks accurate.

☒ The CLHO website needs the following updates: Jessica Palmer for Linn Co

☐ This committee needs the following representation (list county names, size, or if administrators are needed):

Additional Needs: